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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-2003-14841- 2

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Application of US Airways, Inc. filed 4/2/03 for:

XX Emergency exemption under 49 U.S.C. §40109 to authorize the following:

Integration of its existing authority to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail under its certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 690 (Philadelphia – Rome) and under its existing exemptions in Dockets OST-1997-2857 (Philadelphia – London (Gatwick)), OST-1998-3333 (Charlotte – London (Gatwick)), OST-1999-5428 (Pittsburgh – London (Gatwick)), and OST-1997-3179 (Philadelphia – Amsterdam). US Airways has requested this route integration authority for an indefinite duration.

In support of its application, US Airways states that in light of its having had to cancel Pittsburgh-London Gatwick services for the month of April, US Airways needs to modify certain other of its transatlantic flight routings to accommodate traffic.

Applicant rep: Joel Stephen Burton (202) 383-5300 DOT Analyst: Sylvia Moore (202-366-6519)

DISPOSITION

XX **Granted in part** (subject to conditions, see below)

XX **Balance dismissed** (i.e., for indefinite duration, see below)

The above action was effective when taken: April 2, 2003, through April 2, 2005

Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation

Except to the extent exempted or waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated: XX **Holder's certificates of public convenience and necessity**

XX **Standard exemption conditions (attached)**

Conditions: The route integration authority granted is subject to the condition that any service provided under the exemption shall be consistent with all applicable agreements between the United States and the foreign countries involved. Furthermore, (a) nothing in the award of the route integration authority requested should be construed as conferring upon US Airways rights (including fifth-freedom intermediate and/or beyond rights) to serve markets where U.S. carrier entry is limited unless US Airways notifies us of its intent to serve such a market and unless and until the Department has completed any necessary selection

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procedures to determine which carrier(s) should be authorized to exercise such rights; and (b) should there be a request by any carrier to use the limited-entry route rights that are included in US Airways' authority by virtue of the route integration exemption granted here, but that are not then being used by US Airways, the holding of such authority by route integration will not be considered as providing any preference for US Airways in a competitive carrier selection proceeding to determine which carrier(s) should be entitled to use the authority.

Dismissal: Consistent with the standard practice applicable here, we granted US Airways' exemption for a period of two years, and dismissed its request for longer-term authority.

Remarks: Because of the emergency nature of US Airways' application and taking into account the nature of the authority requested, we acted on this application without awaiting expiration of the 15-day answer period.

On the basis of data officially noticeable under Rule 24(g) of the Department's regulations, we found the applicant qualified to provide the services authorized.

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) our action was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR § 385.30, may file their petitions within seven (7) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

*An electronic version of this order is available on the World Wide Web at
http://dms.dot.gov/reports/reports_aviation.asp*

APPENDIX

U.S. CARRIER **Standard Exemption Conditions**

In the conduct of operations authorized by the attached notice, the applicant(s) shall:

- (1) Hold at all times effective operating authority from the government of each country served;
- (2) Comply with applicable requirements concerning oversales contained in 14 CFR 250 (for scheduled operations, if authorized);
- (3) Comply with the requirements for reporting data contained in 14 CFR 241;
- (4) Comply with requirements for minimum insurance coverage, and for certifying that coverage to the Department, contained in 14 CFR 205;
- (5) Except as specifically exempted or otherwise provided for in a Department Order, comply with the requirements of 14 CFR 203, concerning waiver of Warsaw Convention liability limits and defenses;
- (6) Comply with the applicable requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration Regulations and with all applicable U.S. Government requirements concerning security;¹ and
- (7) Comply with such other reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations required by the public interest as may be prescribed by the Department of Transportation, with all applicable orders and regulations of other U.S. agencies and courts, and with all applicable laws of the United States.

The authority granted shall be effective only during the period when the holder is in compliance with the conditions imposed above.

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¹ To assure compliance with all applicable U.S. Government requirements concerning security, the holder should, before commencing any new service (including charter flights) to or from a foreign airport, inform its Principal Security Inspector of its plans.